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Patton Hospital Fund Appropriation Tangle Growing More Serious

Hendersonville Hospital Ass'n Claims Whole of \$1000 Appropriated—Produce Affidavits From Commissioners Substantiating Their Contention—Insist G. H. C. C. Did Not Tell All

Last week the Democrat printed the statement of the committee appointed by the Greater Hendersonville Club to attempt a settlement of the controversy regarding a division of the appropriation of \$1,000 by the county commissioners. That statement has called forth another, this one from the trustees or directors of the Patton Memorial Hospital which is herewith printed, together with other documents furnished by the members of the Hendersonville Hospital Association. The statement to the public is signed by the association and carries its great seal. Here it is:

To the Citizens of Hendersonville and Henderson County:

The Hospital Association feeling that the time has come when it is necessary for them to make a statement of facts in the controversy that has arisen from the donation of one thousand dollars by Henderson county to help build a Hospital, and respectfully submit the facts as they are.

Rev. Mr. Willcox's statements in last week's paper are true so far as they go, but he didn't tell quite all. Mr. W. A. Smith, Mr. P. F. Patton, Mr. R. H. Stator and others did say to the county commissioners if they would give one thousand dollars to the Hendersonville Hospital Association and the Greater Western North Carolina Association they would bring in unretained taxes that would bring in much extra money into the treasury.

"They did have an agreement with Dr. Drafts and Mrs. Whitaker. They did prepare an order for the commissioners to sign. But the commissioners DID NOT ACCEPT their proposition. NEITHER did they sign their order; but THEY DID INSTRUCT THEIR CLERK TO PREPARE AN ORDER donating one thousand dollars to the Hospital alone.

"When the commissioners refused to accept the proposition of these men; that released Dr. Drafts, Mrs. Whitaker and the Hospital Association from "moral" or any other obligations whatever. A copy of the order a sworn statement from W. P. Bane and John T. Stator which are hereto attached speak for themselves.

"So if there be any further "moral obligation" it could only rest upon the men who tried to use the Hospital

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BANDITS HOLDUP AND ROB SHERIFF

Highwaymen in South Carolina Secure \$16,000 in Cash From Construction Company's Pay Roll Money.

Columbia, S. C., Sept.—Three men, each armed with two revolvers, late today held up a deputy sheriff and two employees of the J. G. White Construction company at Parr Shoals, twenty miles from here and took from them \$16,000 in currency which had been intended to meet the payroll of the company, which is building a huge power dam there. Tonight 700 employees of the company, together with the sheriffs and deputies of four counties, with bloodhounds, are hunting for the robbers. J. C. Joyner, the deputy sheriff, resisted the bandits and was shot, the bullet taking effect in the thigh. His wound is not serious.

The robbery occurred just after Paymaster Mahar, with Fred Bultman, assistant cashier, and Deputy Joyner, had taken the money from the express office at Parr Shoals. To reach the construction company's office, where the money was to be distributed they had to go down the railway track a rather deep cut. As the three were passing a box car which was standing on the railway track a trio of men, their faces blackened to disguise them, stepped out and covered the money-bearing party. Deputy Joyner reached for his gun and the robbers opened fire. Joyner fell shot through the thigh, and the others, realizing the futility of resistance, with their assailants in so strong a position, yielded. The robbers took the sack containing the money and made off into the woods.

The White Construction company has offered a reward of \$600 for the capture of the three bandits, but so far the officers are without a clue.

MORE ASSURING THAW STILL SAFE IS MEX. OUTLOOK CHANGES BETTER

Representative Lind May Go To Point Nearer Capital Pending Further Negotiations With Government.

Mexico City, September 9.—The probability that negotiations between the United States and Mexico would be resumed at an early date was the opinion expressed today at the American embassy, although Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charged affaires, was non-committal as to whether he had been officially advised of a new proposal or of Washington's determination to make a further effort at adjustment.

It is significant, however, that he has advised President Wilson's representative, Mr. Lind, who is now at Vera Cruz, to return as far as Orizaba, about one-third the distance to the capital, Mr. Lind seemingly not wishing to come to the capital until the preliminaries had reached a stage where he felt assured his services could be utilized. Whether Mr. Lind will act on this recommendation is not at present known.

The Mexican minister of foreign affairs, Senor Gamboa, still denies knowledge of the reported official character of Senor de Zamacona's visit to Washington.

At this distance from Atlanta, it looks as if Leo Frank has been convicted of murder for having an ordinarily bad character. There was no direct evidence that he was the slayer of Mary Phagan, but somebody killed her and the man who couldn't prove a good character at the most critical hour of his life, was powerless to defend himself from circumstances that helped to fasten suspicion upon him. The hour may come to any man when a good character would help his lawyers to save him from the clutches of the law.—Wilmington Star.

Legal Complications In Thaw Matter May Occupy Year—Defendants' Attorneys Are Sanguine.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—According to J. N. Greenshields, of Thaw counsel, one of the main hopes of the defense in the main hopes of the defense in the Thaw deportation proceedings aside from the first against the immigration act itself, is an alleged irregularity in the proceedings taken by the immigration officers. It is contended they did not have a formal order from the minister if justice to take Thaw in charge which the defense claims is necessary under the act when the alien affected had been in the country ten days.

Thaw had been in the country over fifteen days when he was surrendered to the immigration officials, and T. R. E. McInnes, K. C., has made an affidavit that the immigration men took Thaw in charge without proper authority.

Demanded Document.

He states that before the board of inquiry he demanded that E. Blake Robertson, assistant superintendent of immigration, produce this document, and that the latter declined to do so.

The second reason cited to Judge Gervais and cross in the informal application made by Thaw's counsel before the matter was brought into chambers Friday, was the unconstitutionality of the act.

The third point was the alleged misuse of the act to supplement and aid the enforcement of law and order in New York state.

"Thaw's chances of ultimate freedom are better now than they have been at any time since he was first arrested on a charge of murder," summed up Mr. Greenshields. "The immigration act is full of holes. It is a positive disgrace to Canada."

Tariff Revision Bill Passed Senate With Seven Votes to Spare

Measure Will Now Go To Conference—One Republican And One Progressive Voted For Measure While Two Democrats Voted Against It—Conferees Named—Pres. Wilson Is Gratified.

DREW CAMINETTI IS FOUND GUILTY

End of Famous "White Slave" Case in California Reached at Last—Defendants May Get Long Sentences.

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—Farley Drew Caminetti, son of the commissioner general of immigration, was found guilty late today on one count of the indictment charging him with violation of the Mann white-slave act. The jury was out three hours and took eight ballots. From the first the vote stood ten to two for conviction and finally the jury reached a compromise verdict of guilty of one of the four counts charged.

\$10,000 Bail.
Bail in the sum of \$10,000 was furnished. Sentence will be pronounced September 10, the day set for sentencing Maury I. Diggs, jointly indicted with Caminetti and convicted on four counts. Exceptions to the charge of Judge Van Fleet as a whole and in part was taken by counsel, and a petition for an appeal will be filed, as was announced in the case of Diggs. Caminetti took the verdict lightly, smiling a forced smile and nudging his brother jocularly. Before leaving the court room he lifted his little daughter, Naomi, who was playing at his feet, and placed her carefully in her mother's lap. Then he shook hands with his lawyers and with Diggs who had been sitting nearby.

Daniels Writes Wilson's History.

Washington, Sept. 9.—President Wilson's life history, from infancy to almost imperial power, is to be the theme of a book which Secretary Daniels is now writing in the time he is not directing the movements of the floating fortresses of the United States navy. The manuscript, it developed today, is nearly completed and it will be an intimate biography of the president. Arrangements are said to have been made with an eastern publishing house to bring out the book.

Annual Fete Season Will Be Inaugurated For Hendersonville

All Features of Mardi Gras Will be Included—Three Days of Festivities and Fun to Entertain and Attract Visitors from Near and Far—Realization is Assured

Hendersonville will continue to be in "Spot light" if it is within the power of the Greater Hendersonville Club to keep it there, is an assured fact. An energetic, never resting spirit has taken possession of the more progressive members of that worthy organization and all of the Land of the Sky and this city in particular, will be made to feel the results which this spirit is bringing about. The last and most enterprising venture inaugurated by the club is an annual Mardi Gras during the summer season which will entertain the visitors here and attract thousands from a distance. The general plan of the carnival has already been determined upon and its materialization is now a certainty. A committee representing the club, consisting of R. N. Willcox and H. C. Meyer, appeared before the city council at its last meeting and laid its plan before that body and asked for its moral support. After a full explanation the council decided to consider the feasibility of such a carnival in executive session and this resulted in its endorsement. It is planned to hold a three days carnival of the Mardi Gras type here during the height of the sea-

son, probably the last week of August, which will serve as a glowing advertisement of the enterprise and progressiveness of the city of Hendersonville and its people. The details have not been all worked out yet but the carnival will be held on the most elaborate scale conditions will warrant. Safe to predict it will warrant. Safe to predict it will be a credit to its sponsors. Some of the details contemplate great street parades, pageants, of an historical or allegorical nature, brilliant illuminations of streets and shops and in a word a season of revelry and festivity, such as has never been known in this part of the world. It is believed that such a celebration will do to advertise the place and will attract numberless visitors to the heart of the Land of the Sky. The councilmen and club members are enthusiastic over the prospects of doing a wonderful lot of good for the city and believe that such a carnival, if it is made an annual event, will become permanently established in the minds of pleasure seekers who will attend it from year to year as they do the celebration of the Mardi Gras at New Orleans and Mobile or the Veiled Prophet at St. Louis.

BIG GROCERY CONCERN TAKES IN NEW PARTNER.

Firm of S. Maxwell & Co.—Will Inaugurate New System.
An important business change in Hendersonville is announced and through it Geo. W. Justice becomes interested in the grocery concern of S. Maxwell & Co., and the firm will be considerably enlarged in consequence. The style of the concern will remain the same with Mr. Sylvester Maxwell as manager. This well known firm has been established here for three years and has become one of the leading retail establishments of this section of the state. Its store is one of the largest and handsomest doing a

grocery business in Hendersonville and its trade has continually grown in volume since its beginning. It is the purpose of the firm to renovate the building in which it is located and will put in a large and well selected stock of fresh goods of all kinds in keeping with the lines generally kept by a first class grocery house catering to the best trade. Hereafter goods will be bought in great quantities for cash and will be sold on a small margin of profit, thus turning over the stock frequently and guaranteeing its freshness. Next week there will be a giant three days sale to make room for new stock which has been ordered and which will inaugurate to opening of the concern in its new organization.

Many Improvements Now Being Made By Hendersonville City

Notwithstanding the fact that there is apparently little on the surface to prove it, a vast amount of work has been done on city improvements during the past three months or since the time G. W. Justice took charge of affairs as city business manager. Since the beginning of June more than \$5000 has been collected from the sidewalk, street, water and special tax and collections are pouring into the tax collector's office every day. The resources of the business manager are very limited, he being compelled to accomplish all that is done with two teams and a force of about half a dozen men. With this scant force more than three quarters of the streets of the city have been worked and their condition considerably bettered. One team has been kept almost constantly engaged in sweeping, cleaning and watering the streets, thus leaving the other general work to one team. More than fifteen hundred feet of sewer have been laid besides many extensions, sewer and water taps made. About for acres of the cemetery has been cleared and much drainage work has been done. It is the purpose of the business manager to keep his force constantly at work until the first of the year and expects to accomplish much in that time. The present season has been an unusually wet and rainy one and it has been difficult to

accomplish results speedily. Much attention will henceforth be given to sidewalks and drainage and all improvements made in the future will be of a permanent character as nearly as possible. Mr. Justice says that he is anxious to receive information from localities where repairs or improvements are urgent and will be glad of suggestions. While he has been the victim of continuous kicking, he takes them good naturedly and does the best he can with the force and material he has to work with.

County Superintendents Have Annual Convention.

Prof. W. S. Shitle, superintendent of schools for Henderson county, left yesterday for Andrews, on the Murphy branch of the Southern Railway to attend the annual convention of the Western North Carolina Division of the County Superintendents. The convention will be in session for three days and many prominent instructors will attend. Among others who will deliver addresses will be J. Y. Joyner, state Superintendent of public instruction and L. C. Bragden, Rural School Supervisor.

Mr. S. R. Thomas who for the past three months has been with the Cimax Barber shop, has returned to his home at Florence.

Fine Are Prospects For Henderson Co. Farmers Says Perkins

This has been a busy week for the new Henderson County Farm Demonstrator E. L. Perkins, but it has resulted in his becoming fairly well acquainted with conditions in this part of the state and in his meeting many of the progressive farmers of this section. Mr. Perkins has been devoting his time to looking over his new field and he is immensely pleased. He thinks that there are rare opportunities for the farmers of the county and believes that there is enough progressive spirit among them to make his mission worth while. While surprised at the richness of the soil of many sections of the county, he is in a like degree surprised at the great amount of really fine farm land that is lying idle. He insists that by using the government methods which he is here to demonstrate, the farmers will be able to greatly increase their yield per acre and at the same time improve the quality of their produce.

In Mr. Perkins' estimation there is no doubt but that the land of this county will grow the product and all the farmers are lacking in, is the knowledge of the proper methods to obtain the best results. The demonstrator says that this is decidedly the most beautiful county that he has yet traveled over and that he has yet the best part of it to see. He is encouraging in every way possible the grow-

ing of cover crops and is enlisting farmers as demonstrators. Quite a number have already signified their willingness to make demonstrations on their farms for the benefit of their neighbor farmers. On Wednesday Mr. Perkins and Prof. W. S. Shitle visited four schools in the county and spent some time in the Dana neighborhood. There Mr. Perkins says he met a number of very intelligent and progressive farmers who are heartily in sympathy with the movement started by the state for the education of the farmers. He expects much good to result from the several rallies which are scheduled to be held over the county during the month.

In addition to the speakers and instructors whose names appeared in the Democrat of last week, who have signified their intention of addressing the people at the rallies, there will be T. E. Brown, manager of the Boys' Corn Club work in the state. Mr. Brown will attend all of these important meetings and the dates are as follows: Green River school house, Sept. 22, Dana school house, Sept. 23, Liberty school house Sept. 24, Fletcher graded school Sept. 25, Mills River school house Sept. 26 and Henderson county court house, Hendersonville, Sept. 27. All persons interested are urged to attend these rallies.